

Appl. No. 09/960,473

Amendment and Response dated May 24, 2004

Reply to Office Action of March 23, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the subject application. Claims 1-20 have been allowed.

The Specification has been amended according to the Examiner's recommendations, by removing the unnecessary brackets (i.e., “[” and “]”) and changing “□” to “°C” throughout. Applicant thanks the Examiner for pointing out these errors in the application.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the subject application is now in condition for allowance, which action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative, at the number below, to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance.

Because this response is being submitted within 2 months of the date on the Office Action, it is believed that no extension of time fees are required. The Commissioner is, however, authorized to charge Kenyon & Kenyon's Deposit Account No. 11-0600 for any fees deemed necessary, or to credit any overpayment.

Respectfully submitted,

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